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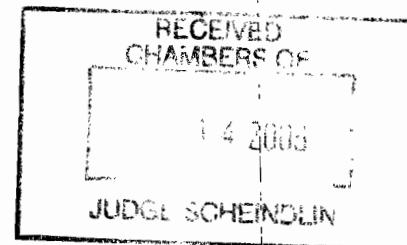
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Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Maikel Soto  
07 Cr. 534 (SAS)



Dear Judge Scheindlin:

The Government writes to respectfully request, on behalf of both parties, that the next conference in the above-referenced matter be re-scheduled from July 16, 2008, to a date convenient for the Court after September 1, 2008.

The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act between July 16, 2008 and the new conference date. This delay will permit the Government and the defense to continue discussions concerning the possibility of a disposition before trial, and will allow defense counsel an opportunity to meet with his client and discuss the proposed resolution, as the defendant is currently under quarantine by the Bureau of Prisons. The Government makes this request with the consent of counsel for the defendant.

Very truly yours,

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